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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Emergency Medical Services - Steroid Administration**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an emergency medical technician-paramedic to
4 administer steroids under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the
5 administration of steroids while providing emergency medical services.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article - Education
8 Section 13-516(f)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Education
13 Section 13-516(f-1)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Education**

19 13-516.

20 (f) Subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the
21 EMS Board and subject to medical direction, while providing emergency medical
22 services:

23 (1) A cardiac rescue technician, an emergency medical technician-A, an
24 emergency medical technician-B, or an emergency medical technician-P may:

25 (i) Perform specified medical procedures as authorized by the EMS
26 Board;

1 (ii) Administer specified medications or intravenous solutions; and

2 (iii) Provide emergency medical transport;

3 (2) (i) An emergency medical dispatcher may:

4 1. Perform medical interrogation in order to determine the
5 type and level of response required at the scene of a medical emergency;

6 2. Provide prearrival instructions including instructions in
7 cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and

8 (ii) Participation in emergency medical dispatch programs by
9 jurisdictions is totally voluntary; and

10 (3) A first responder:

11 (i) May perform specified medical procedures as defined by the
12 EMS Board; and

13 (ii) May not be the primary emergency medical services provider
14 during emergency medical transport.

15 (F-1) SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS, PROTOCOLS, ORDERS, AND
16 STANDARDS OF THE EMS BOARD AND SUBJECT TO MEDICAL DIRECTION, AN
17 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-P MAY ADMINISTER STEROIDS TO AN
18 INDIVIDUAL WHILE PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2004.